

Houstoun House Bins (?) Remains
Lot #3, South Ward,
Town of Frederica, St. Simons Island,
Glynn County, Georgia

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Street-Address or Location: Lot #3, South Ward, Town of Frederica,
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Present Owner: Fort Frederica National Monument, Box 367,
St. Simons Island, Georgia

Brief Statement of Significance: These bins of undetermined use were built by
Patrick Hustoun, merchant of Fort Frederica.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Lot #3, South Ward, became the property of Patrick Hustoun by his marriage to Priscilla Dunbar, sister of Captain George Dunbar. He had the lot by January, 1741.

2. Date of erection: unknown

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Patrick Hustoun, Gentleman, came to Savannah in 1734. John Wesley returned to Savannah after his first trip to Frederica, in Hustoun's open boat. Oglethorpe loaned Hustoun money to enable him to set up a boat to furnish provisions cheap. James Pemberton wrote that he dined at Hustoun's with several other gentlemen and described him as a merchant of the place. In 1741, Hustoun was named Conservator of the Peace, and in 1747 was named Adjutant and then Quartermaster of Oglethorpe's Regiment. Upon the disbanding of the regiment, Hustoun moved to Savannah. He later succeeded to the family title, and became Sir Patrick Hustoun.

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural Character: These bins have little architectural interest.

2. Condition of fabric: Intact, contained mostly below grade. Each bin had two inside partitions now gone. Stabilized 1958 with two top courses of modern brick.

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B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Each 9.5' x 4' x 3' deep
2. Foundations: Brick, two wythes thick
3. Wall construction: Brick, two wythes thick.
4. Roof: No evidence.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Rectangular with vertical slits 1" across by 1" deep, set in brick running top to bottom on each side wall at third points dividing interior in three equal volumes. These slits probably held wood partitions.
2. Flooring: Tabby

D. Site:

1. General setting: Rear of Lot #3, flat, part of old Indian field.
2. Orientation: Long dimensions run east-west.

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